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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication 5-190077

relates to a surface induction type electron emitting element that includes a fine particle film 6 of a nonuniform thickness.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the subject information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, this document was cited in a Korean Official Letter dated May 2, 2000, in a corresponding Korean patent application. A copy of the Official Letter that issued on that related application is enclosed.

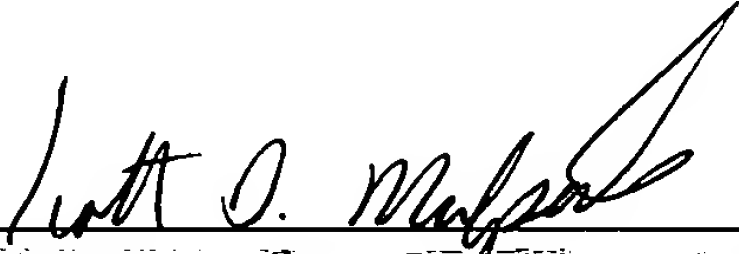
As will be appreciated, Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 3-196455 was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 2, 1999. Therefore, this document is not listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 nor is a copy included with the subject Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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